

### Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions in the application:

- 1-7. cancelled
8. (currently amended) A water turbine for pumping a medium-the water comprising:
  - a runner having one or morea plurality of rotor blades and a hub;
  - a housing having a distributor that regulates flow of the medium-water into the runner;
  - a draft tubepipe that guides the medium-water flowing out from the runner, andthe pipe having an inlet diffuser; and
  - an oblong displacement unit in the draft tubepipe, andthe displacement unit having an upstream end in proximity to the hub, wherein the displacement unit has a variable width, the width of the displacement unit increasing in the direction of flow of the water.
9. cancelled
10. (previously presented) The turbine of claim 8, wherein between the hub and the upstream end of the displacement unit is a distance that is between 0.5mm and 50 mm.
11. (currently amended) The turbine of claim 8, wherein the displacement unit is supported by rods connected to the draft tubepipe.
12. (previously presented) The turbine of claim 8, wherein the displacement unit is supported on the hub of the runner.

13. (previously presented) The turbine of claim 8, wherein the displacement unit is integrally formed with the hub of the runner and rotates with the hub.

14. (currently amended) The turbine of claim 8, wherein the ~~draft tubepipe~~ runs along a substantially straight line.

15. (currently amended) The turbine of claim 8, wherein the ~~draft tubepipe~~ is curved.

16-18. cancelled

19. (currently amended) A method of reducing pressure fluctuations in a turbine that pumps ~~a medium water~~, the method comprising:

regulating flow of the ~~medium water~~ into a runner via a distributor in a turbine housing;

guiding the ~~medium water~~ flowing out from the runner via a ~~draft tubepipe~~; and

reducing swirling of the ~~medium water~~ by varying an inner cross-sectional area of the ~~draft tubepipe~~ in proximity to the runner, the inner cross-sectional area of the pipe being varied by positioning an oblong displacement unit of varying width in the pipe, the width of the displacement unit increasing in the direction of flow of the water.

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22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein between a hub of the runner and an upstream end of the displacement unit is a distance that is between 0.5mm and 50 mm.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the displacement unit is supported by rods connected to the draft tubepipe.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the displacement unit is integrally formed with the hub of the runner and rotates with the hub.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the draft tubepipe runs along a substantially straight line.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the draft tubepipe is curved.

27. cancelled